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- (1) (C/NF) CHINA
- (2) (C/NF)
- (3) (S/NF)

(1) (C/NF) CHINA: ACADEMIC SEMINAR ON MILITARY STRATEGY

(U) MORE THAN 100 PERSONS ATTENDED A RECENT ACADEMIC SEMINAR ON MILITARY STRATEGY IN BEIJING. THE EVENT WAS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY BECAUSE OF THE EMPHASIS ACCRUED TO "COMBINING THE APPLICATION OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING TO CARRY OUT QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS" IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY. IT WAS STRESSED REPEATEDLY THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUST BE THE FOCUS OF THIS STRATEGY SINCE "ECONOMIC STRENGTH IS THE MAIN FOUNDATION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE." IN PURSUIT OF THIS GOAL, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MILITARY STREAMLINE OPERATIONS THROUGH PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS AND BUDGETARY RETRENCHMENT.

(U/NF) THE SYNOPSIS OF VARIOUS PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE SEMINAR REFLECT A HEAVY RELIANCE ON THE USE OF SYSTEMS ANALYSIS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY. THIS FACTOR, COMBINED WITH BROADER PARTICIPATION BY CIVILIAN ANALYSTS WITH CREDENTIALS FROM ACADEMIA AND THE SCIENCE COMMUNITY, REFLECT A MARKEDLY NEW FORUM FOR PROVIDING INPUT TO SENIOR-LEVEL POLICYMAKERS AS THEY DEVELOP THE PRC'S DEFENSE STRATEGY. THE IMPLICATIONS THIS COULD HAVE FOR REGIONAL AND DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS IN TIMES OF HOSTILITIES ARE NUMEROUS, ESPECIALLY AS THEY CONCERN THEIR CONDUCT OF UNILATERAL OPERATIONS ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE--LONG A HALLMARK OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY. AT ANY RATE, SENIOR POLICYMAKERS WILL BE RECEIVING MORE DIVERSE INPUT AS ACADEMICS AND SPECIALISTS FROM OUTSIDE THE MILITARY ASSUME A GREATER ROLE IN THE STRATEGY DEBATE.